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SUBJECT: U/S BURNS URGES NATO UNITY ON NO TRADES FOR
HOSTAGES

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Classified By: Ambassador Victoria Nuland for reasons 1.4 b/d.

11. (C) Anticipating reftel, U/S Nick Burns raised top line points on the need for NATO unity against trading for hostages during the NAC/Reinforced on March 27. Canada, Norway and the UK joined him.

12. (C) Following bilateral consultations in Rome on March 29, Ambassador Nuland will pursue the issues in reftel further with the Secretary General and Allied counterparts.
NULAND